

Gian Devi Vs State (NCT of Delhi) and Others

Court: Delhi High Court

Date of Decision: July 20, 2001

Acts Referred: Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (CrPC) â€” Section 228(1)
Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) â€” Section 308, 323, 34

Citation: (2002) 96 DLT 817

Hon'ble Judges: R.S. Sodhi, J

Bench: Single Bench

Advocate: Rajpal Singh, for the Appellant; Reecha Kapur and Sudhir Nandrajog, for the Respondent

Judgement

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R.S. Sodhi, J.

This criminal revision has been filed with a prayer that order dated 8.2.1995 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge,

Delhi, discharging the accused is bad, on the ground that the Additional Sessions Judge has held that the offence is not made out under Sections

308/34, IPC, but that the offence committed is u/s 323, IPC. He could not have discharged the accused but have followed the procedure u/s 228-

A, IPC.

2. Learned Counsel for respondent Nos. 2-3 submits that this is an order of 1995, which is sought to be challenged at this late stage and that too

without even a prayer of condensation of delay. Be that as it may, I am of the view that once illegality is brought to the notice of the Court, it is the

duty of the Court to set right the illegality and it can act suo motu thereon. There appears to be procedural irregularity, inasmuch as once the

Additional Sessions Judge has held that a charge u/s 308, IPC cannot be made out but a charge u/s 323 could be made out. In that event the

procedure as prescribed u/s 228(1)(a), IPC ought to have been followed. That having not being done, I set aside the order of the Additional

Sessions Judge dated 8.2.1995 and remand the case to the learned Judge to proceed in accordance with law. The entire question is left open to

the Judge to adjudicate, in accordance with law.

Criminal M. No. 1007/2001 in CrI. Rev. No. 224/2001

Criminal Misc. No. 1007/2001 seeks an correction to be made in order dated 20th July, 2001 to the effect that where Section 228-A, IPC has

been mentioned, it ought to be Section 228(1)(a), Cr.P.C. Since the error is typographical error, the same may be corrected by inserting Section

228(1)(a) of the Code of Criminal Procedure instead of Section 228-A, IPC wherever this mistake has arisen in the judgment.

The application stands disposed of.